ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD,

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1852.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
February 10th, 1852.

The Committee chosen to reckon and settle with Ephraim Wright, Town Treasurer, for the year ending at date, submit the following Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands at last settlement,	$1381.47
Military Money,	263.50
Cash received of Amos Heywood, Collector for 1849,	84.00
" " D. C. Butterfield, " " 1850,	120.60
" " E. Prescott, before Oct. 6th, 1851,	2217.00
" " " " " Dec. 6th,	115.70
" " " " after " "	1246.00
" " Solomon Nutting,	100.00
Due from Solomon Nutting,	36.88
" " of the State School Fund,	56.98
Cash borrowed of John Abbott,	125.00
" " Abraham Wright,	75.00
" " Oliver Wright,	100.00
" " Henry P. Herrick,	50.00
" " Eli Tower,	400.00
" " John Abbott,	130.00
" " John Osgood,	300.00
Cash received from Stony Brook Railroad Corp. dividend,	30.00
	$6832.13

PAYMENTS.

Paid John Abbott, Note and Interest,	$131.00
" John Osgood, " "	374.61
" " " " "	522.18
" J. F. Parker, " "	284.07
" John Abbott, " "	128.61
" " " " "	310.05
" Interest on notes,	112.50
" Orders,	4197.11
In Treasurer's hands,	772.00
	$6832.13

Your Committee further report that the Town is indebted to the following named persons on notes :

Amos Day,	$104.67
Betsey Prescott,	416.67
John Osgood,	404.47
Abraham Wright,	78.37
Oliver Wright,	104.50
Henry P. Herrick,	52.25
Eli Tower,	416.00
John Osgood,	306.00
Westford Academy,	420.20
	$2303.13

OTHER LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Orders,	$48.49
Other claims estimated at	50.00
Due the several School Districts,	1041.23
Due Master of Poor House,	222.00
	$3664.85

RESOURCES.

Balance cash in hands of Treasurer,	$772.00	
Five shares in Stony Brook Railroad,	500.00	
Dividend due on Stony Brook Railroad Stock,	16.25	
Due from Amos Heywood, Collector, 1849,	16.96	
Due from D. C. Butterfield, Collector, 1850,	84.89	
Due from Edward Prescott, Collector, 1851,	106.92	
		$1497.02
Balance against the Town,		$2167.83
Amount of debt Feb. 1851,		2236.13
Debt diminished,		$68.30

SOLOMON RICHARDSON,
JOHN B. FLETCHER,
T. P. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

EPHRAIM WRIGHT, Town Treasurer.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid claims due, and cost arising thereon, and contracts made prior to March 1st, 1851, viz:—

"	George W. Butterfield, surveying and plan of road,	$11.85
"	Henry A. Hildreth, repairing road,	15.37
"	Calvin Howard, " "	2.62
"	David P. Lawrence, making road on Cowdry Hill,	349.80
"	Rosilla Wood, moving wall,	4.00
"	Selectmen, accepting road,	2.50
"	William M. Voce, breaking roads,	2.50
"	Timothy Cummings, land damage, road petitioned for by Levi Snow, et. al.,	230.00
"	Referees on above,	6.00
"	Jeremy B. Read, making road,	212.98
"	Abbot & Brown, land damage for Eli Tower,	225.00
"	" " cost of Jury,	117.13
"	T. Wentworth, fees as counsel	15.00
"	Witnesses on Eli Tower's case,	5.54
"	A. Heywood, going to Lowell four times on Tower & Kelley cases,	4.00
"	Selectmen, services on road petitioned for by L. Snow et. al.,	6.00
"	Amos Heywood, notifying witnesses,	1.00
"	David P. Lawrence, making road near T. Cummings',	14.43
"	" " repairing road,	3.00
"	" " for 2 stone posts,	2.00
"	Abijah Fletcher, land damage and moving wall,	9.00
"	George S. Frederick, breaking roads,	4.12
"	Eli Tower, repairing and breaking roads,	5.50
"	John Dane, work on road,	5.12
"	Jacob Smith, " "	2.99
"	John Cutter, services on road in 1850,	4.00
"	Edward Symmes, surveying road in 1850,	3.50
"	T. Keyes, breaking roads,	4.13
"	D. C. Butterfield, for going to Lowell on Kelley suit,	1.50
"	Lydia Kelley, damage received on road,	50.00
"	E. Abbott, surveying road,	.50
		$1321.08

ROADS AND BRIDGES—CONTINUED.

Paid claims arising after March 11, 1851:—

"	Ebenezer Blood, cutting brush on deep hollow road,	$6.00
"	Edward Symmes, surveying road,	.75
"	Calvin Howard, work on road,	10.62
"	N. S. Hamblin, setting posts,	2.00
"	S. & S. D. Fletcher, powder and fuse,	.62
"	John Cutter, laying out Elisha Bunce's road,	.75
"	" " services on road petitioned for by L. Snow et. al,	.50
"	" " letting out repairing on north road,	1.00
"	" " " " cutting brush on road	.75
		$22.99

	Amount brought forward,	$22.9
Paid Amos Heywood,	viewing and accepting E. Bunce's road,	1.25
" " "	services on road petitioned for by L. Snow, et. al.,	.50
" " "	accepting road near T. Cummings',	.50
" " "	letting out repairing road near O. Woodward's,	2.50
" L. H. Hildreth,	laying out E. Bunce's road,	.75
" " "	services on road petitioned for by L. Snow, et. al.,	.50
" " "	letting out cutting brush on deep hollow road,	.75
" Henry A. Hildreth,	for powder,	.80
" John Dane,	repairing bridge and tools,	3.16
" T. C. Parker and A. Hildreth 2d,	land damage for E. Bunce's road,	125.00
" Elisha Bunce,	for making road,	32.50
" " "	gratuity for making road, by vote of Town,	13.00
" Oliver Woodward,	for repairing road,	16.50
" William Chandler,	for repairing north road,	32.00
" Amos Leighton,	for moving stone in district No. 14,	2.50
" William Laws,	for work on road,	15.00
" T. Keyes,	" " "	7.87
" B. N. Bradt,	sharpening bars and drills,	.37
" " "	use of sledge,	.25
		$278.69

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES,

INCLUDING COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid claims due prior to March 11, 1851, viz:—		
" W. W. Goodhue,	for attending 16 funerals,	$10.40
" Leonard Luce,	services as School Committee,	12.00
" A. W. Hildreth,	" " "	14.00
" Edward Symmes,	" " "	15.00
" School District No. 1,	for use of room for armory,	12.00
" 1st Parish and Union Society	for tolling bells for funerals,	15.00
" Printing Reports	for 1850,	16.00
" S. J. Varney,	printing Reports for 1851,	12.00
" John Cutter,	for prizing property at poor farm, 1850,	1.00
" Elias Sweetser,	" " " " 1849 and 1850,	2.00
" Edward Prescott,	" " " " 1850,	1.00
" D. C. Butterfield,	for paying County tax, 1851,	1.75
" " "	entertaining Town Treasurer and Committee,	2.00
" " "	making Town Report, 1851,	8.00
" " "	posting Town Warrants, 1851,	1.00
" " "	Expressman for Reports, 1851,	.13
" J. W. P. Abbott,	for use of room for armory,	8.00
" Samuel P. Tenney,	attending 6 funerals, 1850,	3.90
		$135.18

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AFTER MARCH 11, 1851.

Paid N. S. Hamblin, attending Court,	$1.14
" S. & S. D. Fletcher, stationery and postage,	4.04
" John Cutter, taking invoice and making taxes,	20.00
" Amos Heywood, " " " " 16 days,	20.00
" " " boarding Assessors,	13.00
" L. H. Hildreth, taking invoice and making taxes,	21.88
" " " stationery,	.97
" Taxes in School District No. 10,	39.75
" 1st Parish, use of meeting house for town meetings,	25.00
" D. C. Butterfield, entertaining town officers,	6.50
" Ephraim Abbott, services as School Committee,	17.00
" L. Luce, " " "	12.00
" A. W. Hildreth, " " "	15.00
" " " book for Lewis Bruce's children,	1.17
" " " paper,	.20
" Isaac Day, Jr., entertaining town officers, Nov. 10th,	5.00
" Dist. No. 1, room for armory,	12.00
" John Cutter, going to Eli Tower's to see J. Parkhurst,	1.00
" " " services as Selectman,	5.00
" " " for paying J. W. P. Abbott, administering oath to 3 officers,	.50
" Amos Heywood, room, fire and lights for selectmen,	7.00
" " " making report,	5.00
" " " services as Selectman,	5.00
" L. H. Hildreth, services as Selectman,	5.00
" Edward Prescott, for collecting taxes,	62.20
" Ephraim Wright, services as Treasurer,	12.00
" " " lock for pound,	.42
" " " two guide boards,	.40
" " " one book case,	8.00
" Joseph Hildreth, services as Town Clerk,	12.00
" " ". recording 13 marriages,	1.30
" " " " 17 deaths,	2.55
" " " " 19 births,	3.88
" " " copying valuation ten days and going to Lowell twice,	16.00
" " " cash paid on books,	.37
	$362.27

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Amos Heywood, Collector, 1849	72.45
Lucy M. Richardson, Highway, 1849,	2.42
John White, " 1850,	1.00
Matthew Griffin, " "	2.47
David C. Butterfield, Collector, "	13.80
John F. Banister, error for wood lot, 1850—'51.	1.54
Edward Prescott, Collector, 1851,	13.50
L. Luce, over taxed on personal property,	13.00
Abbott & Spaulding, error,	7.16
Jacob Smith, error,	.18
Alonzo Quimby, error,	.19
James Wood, abatement,	1.05
	$128.76

SCHOOLS.

Sum raised by the Town in 1851,	$1200.00
Received from State,	56.98
	$1256.98

One-half the sum $628.49 divided equally among 10 districts gives each $62.85. The balance $628.49 divided among 544 scholars gives each $1.15½.

Dist. No. 1,	has 120	Scholars	and rec.	$138.62	—by distribution—	$62.85	$201.47
" " 2,	68	"	"	78.56	"	"	141.41
" " 3,	27	"	"	31.20	"	"	94.05
" " 4,	48	"	"	55.46	"	"	118.31
" " 5,	60	"	"	69.31	"	"	132.16
" " 6,	51	"	"	58.92	"	"	121.77
" " 7,	60	"	"	69.31	"	"	132.16
" " 8,	37	"	"	42.75	"	"	105.60
" " 9,	42	"	"	48.53	"	"	111.38
" " 10,	31	"	"	35.82	"	"	98.67
	544						$1256.98
Money unexpended last year,							21.84
							$1278.82
Paid of this sum							215.95
Due the several Districts							$1062.87

RECAPITULATION.

Money raised for Town debts and charges,		$2500.00
Schools,		1200.00
Fractional parts,		75.19
Highway Taxes returned unworked,		30.49
		$3805.68
County Tax,		814.08
		$4619.76
Paid claims due prior to March 11th, 1851.		
For Roads and Bridges,	$1321.08	
Incidental expenses,	135.18	
Poor,	14.44	
Taxes ordered 1849–50,	92.14	
		$1562.84
Expenditures after March 11, 1851,		
Paid for Roads and Bridges,	$278.69	
" " Incidental expenses,	362.27	
" " Taxes ordered 1851,	35.76	
" " Poor,	365.22	
		$1041.94
		$2604.78

JOHN CUTTER,
AMOS HEYWOOD,
L. H. HILDRETH,
} Selectmen of Westford.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers submit the following report for the support of the Poor, from February 7th, 1851, to February 7th, 1852.

Amount of Personal property at the Poor House, including Farming Tools, Stock, &c., as by the appraisal of Committee, Feb. 7th, 1851,	$1248.09
" " " 1852,	1240.48
Loss on Personal property,	$7.61

Received from income of Farm by S. Nutting's book:

Received for 932 lbs. Butter	$186.40
" " Calves	40.00
" " Pork	29.25
" " Bacon	5.70
" " Lard	9.55
" " Hide	2.34
" " Hay	5.07
" " Chickens	15.12
" " Eggs	6.69
" " Apples	6.63
" " Cider	8.19
" " Vinegar	1.50
" " Potatoes	19.65
" " Onions	3.00
" " Rye	1.00
" " Beets	2.38
" " Work	7.75
" " Pigs	7.62
" " Joist	.25
	$358.09
Of this sum S. Nutting has paid for supplies,	$211.34
Paid into the Treasury,	146.75
	$358.09

And have paid out the following sums, to wit:

Paid Benjamin Osgood, for medical attendance at Poor House from Sept. 1850, to March 1851,	$14.44
" Solomon Nutting, master of Poor House,	250.00
" Nichols & Co., goods,	53.70
" S. & S. D. Fletcher, goods,	61.96
" A. W. Hildreth, goods,	27.18
" Thomas Richardson, meal,	59.93
" for Rye,	14.19
" for Fish,	4.95
" for Flour,	6.50
" for fixing Pump,	.25
" for Bread,	.95
" for Cheese,	.90
" for Potatoes,	.75
" for Lime,	1.00
" for Oats,	2.00
" for use of Wagon,	.25
" for Bull,	12.00
	$510.93

	Amount brought forward,	$510.95
Paid	Josiah Read, work,	.50
"	George Read, "	16.56
"	Wm. Read, "	2.25
"	David Read, "	1.25
"	for Meat,	22.63
"	T. P. Wright, blacksmithing,	12.60
"	for Plough Irons,	1.25
"	for One Square, Plane and Chisels,	2.75
"	for Making Cider,	6.41
"	for Jacket for Kemp,	1.75
"	for Shoes and Mending,	5.23
"	for Paper for Room,	.70
"	for pasturing 2 Heifers,	4.40
"	for Harness and repairing,	8.10
"	for Stove,	7.42
"	for Yoke,	1.50
"	for Sink,	2.00
"	balance between Oxen,	5.00
"	Amos Heywood, moving Mrs. Tiliston to poor farm,	.75
"	" " going to Pepperell to see about John Campnell,	2.40
"	" " moving Mrs. Holgate to poor house,	1.00
"	L. H. Hildreth, moving F. Scott to poor house,	2.75
"	" " going to Townsend to see Jonas Kemp,	2.50
"	" " " " after " "	3.00
"	" " for wood and articles for Abel Corey,	4.42
"	" " going to Pepperell to see about Mrs. Patch,	2.75
"	Town of Townsend for support of Jonas Kemp,	39.00
"	City of Lowell, funeral expenses of Abel Corey's child,	5.50
"	John Lowell, support of Mrs. Patch,	15.00
"	City of Boston, for James Kemp,	6.25
"	Sidney Drinkwater, medical attendance at poor house,	5.75
"	Benjamin Osgood, " " " " "	3.03
"	John Cutter, services as Overseer,	5.00
"	Amos Heywood, " " "	5.00
"	L. H. Hildreth, " " "	5.00
"	Town of Chelmsford, for Mrs. Kidder's board,	1.00
"	Loss on appraisal of personal property,	7.61
"	Ansel Davis, work at poor house,	4.25
"	Abram Wright, " " "	2.54
		$723.31
	Received income of the farm,	358.09
		365.22
Due from State for paupers,		15.00
Being the cost of the poor exclusive of the interest of farm,		350.22

JOHN CUTTER,
AMOS HEYWOOD,
L. H. HILDRETH.
} Overseers of Poor of Westford.